(b) whether the Government take steps through the Education department to sanction residential scholarships to all the students referred to in (a)?

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—"(a) The particulars are not readily available. They have to be gathered and compiled from each school in the district. The work will involve considerable time and labour and will not be commensurate with the purpose served.

"(b) Residential scholarships to the students belonging to the eligible communities are sanctioned by the Harijan Welfare Department only from Form I and above. The scholarships are sanctioned to the deserving students subject to the Budget allotment. It will not be possible for the Government to sanction residential scholarships to all the students who apply for it."

Representations from the Guntur Tobacco Marketing Committee.

* 772 Q—SRI PRAGADA KOTAIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether any representation has been received by the Government from the Guntur Tobacco Marketing Committee stating that the public auction scheme introduced by the Government in Mangalagiri, Guntur and Tadikonda centres has not been helpful to the tobacco growers of those centres due to the non-co-operation of the Indian Leaf Tobacco Development Company which is the biggest purchaser of Virginia tobacco grown in those centres;

(b) if so, what steps were taken by the Government;

(c) what financial help has been given to the Marketing Committee for constructing godowns and auction floors; and

(d) whether the Government propose to extend the public auction scheme to all the centres where Virginia tobacco is grown?

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" (a) The answer is in the affirmative.

The Guntur Market Committee requested that steps might be taken to persuade the major companies dealing in tobacco to purchase in the market yards established by the Market Committee at least such quantities of tobacco as they were purchasing in their own depots situated outside the restricted areas of the market yards during this season.

"(b) The Government do not have the power under the Madras Commercial Crops Markets Act or Rules to compel the companies to make purchases in the Committee's market yards as suggested by the Committee.

"(c) The Government have sanctioned loans and also subsidies for the construction of godowns and auction floors to the Guntur Market Committee whenever it stood in need of such help.

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" (*d*) There is no such proposal at present. The Government will examine proposals in this regard as and when the Market Committees concerned submit them."

Bus service in Vijayavada Municipality.

* 773 *Q.*—SRI T. POTHA RAJU: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state whether a resolution passed by the Vijayavada Municipal Council to the effect that the city bus service of Vijayavada should be taken over and run by the Municipality has been received; and if so, what action has been taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" Yes. The proposal of the Municipal Council to operate city service buses departmentally was not approved, as it was considered doubtful whether the Municipal Council could successfully compete with private bus operators unless it was enabled to run bus services on monopolistic basis."

Representations from the Harijans of Bhavani taluk.

* 774 *Q.*—SRI P. G. MANICKAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received representations stating that a number of Harijan cheris within the Gobichettipalayam and Bhavani taluks situated on the banks of the River Bhavani have no drinking-water wells, and burial-grounds; and

(*b*) what action the Government have taken or propose to take in the matter?

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" (*a*) No.

" (*b*) Does not arise."

Investigation of the schemes proposed by Panchayat Boards.

* 775 *Q.*—SRI M. S. MOGRAL: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received representations from the public that in the case of schemes proposed by Panchayat Boards, the Public Works department has been making inordinate delay in investigating them; and

(*b*) what steps Government have taken to prevent such delay?

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) The Inspector of Municipal Councils and Local Boards has under orders of Government appointed one common engineering supervisor for panchayat works in each district. The supervisor for Coimbatore district will also attend to the works of the panchayats in the Nilgiris district. It is